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SUBJ: UNGA PLENARY DEBATE ON IAEA

1. DEBATE BEGAN AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 4 WITH SPEECH BY
IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL AKLUND. REPRESENTATIVES OF MALAYSIA,
NIGERIA, POLAND, AUSTRIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BELGIUM, VENEZUELA,
USSR AND INDIA ALSO SPOKE. DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM WILL
CONTINUE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

2. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S SPEECH RESEMBLED THE ONE HE GAVE
TO THE RECENT IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE. HE MENTIONED THE
AGENCY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE INFCE ORGANIZING CONFERENCE
AND STATED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HAD GENERALLY TAKEN
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A POSITIVE VIEW OF IAEA PARTICIPATION. HE REPORTED THAT
THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PNE'S HAD SUBMITTED A COM-
PREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE TECHNICAL, SAFETY AND ECONOMIC
AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF THIS TECHNOLOGY. THIS REPORT HAS
BEEN SENT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL. DR. EKLUND "NOTED
WITH SATISFACTION THE IMPORTANT STATEMENT" BY PRESIDENT
BREZHNEV THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS PREPARED TO REACH AGREE-

MENT ON A MORATORIUM COVERING PNE'S. (COPY OF SPEECH WILL BE POUCHED TO USMISSION IAEA.)

3. AMBASSADOR TAN SRI ZAITON OF MALAYSIA DEVOTED MUCH OF HIS SPEECH TO THE NEED FOR MORE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF ISOTOPE TECHNIQUES. HE CRITICIZED THE AMOUNT AND KIND OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS BEING "A COLLECTION OF RELATIVELY SMALL PROJECTS".

4. NIGERIA'S AMBASSADOR ADENIJI INTRODUCED AMENDMENT TO IAEA RESOLUTION INVITING THE IAEA TO INCREASE THE REPRESENTATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON THE BOARD, SPONSORED BY ALGERIA, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN AND YUGOSLAVIA. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE IAEA WOULD TAKE ACTION TO INCREASE ITS MEMBERSHIP CALLING THE AGENCY'S 110 MEMBERS "LIMITED" AS COMPARED TO THE UN AND MOST OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. HE ALSO INTRODUCED THE RESOLUTION ON PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, SPONSORED BY ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, BANGLADESH, ETHIOPIA, IRAQ, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU AND YUGOSLAVIA. HE CALLED FOR ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION AND THE AMENDMENT BY CONSENSUS.

5. THE POLISH REPRESENTATIVE CALLED FOR STRENGTHENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME AND FOR MAKING THE NPT TRULY UNIVERSAL. HE ACCUSED EURATOM OF DELAYING IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH IAEA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. THE CZECH REPRESENTATIVE NOTED THAT THE REPORTS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PNE'S ARE A GOOD START FOR FURTHER ELABORATION IN THIS FIELD. HE STATED THAT ANY IAEA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE NUCLEAR POWER FIELD SHOULD BE TIED TO SAFEGUARDS.

7. JAPANESE DELEGATE CALLED FOR REVERSAL OF THE TREND OF UNOBLIGATED FUNDS IN THE IAEA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND FOR THE FULL USE OF INCONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES. HE ALSO APPEALED FOR EFFICIENCY AND REASONABLENESS IN IAEA SAFEGUARDS.

8. THE YUGOSLAV SPEECH DWELLED ON SHORTCOMINGS IN IAEA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND CALLED FOR BETTER BALANCE PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SAFEGUARDS AND FOR A MORE RAPID TRANSMITTAL OF NUCLEAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

9. BELGIUM NOTED THAT THE EURATOM-IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT COVERS MORE NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS THAN THE IAEA HAS PREVIOUSLY INSPECTED. THE IAEA HAS ALREADY BEEN CARRYING

OUT INSPECTIONS.

10. THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE CRITICIZED R&D ON NEW TYPES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS SUCH AS CRUISE MISSILES AND NEUTRON BOMBS. HE CALLED FOR SAFEGUARDS BASED ON INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION. HE MENTIONED VARIOUS TRAINING COURSES WHICH THE SOVIET UNION IS OFFERING THE LDC MEMBERS OF THE IAEA UNDER AGENCY SPONSORSHIP.

11. INDIA EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT SAFEGUARDS ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ESPECIALLY FELLOWSHIPS. IT WAS REGRETTABLE THAT THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF PNE'S ARE IGNORED. THE DELEGATE MENTIONED INFCE AND THE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO THE NEEDS OF THE LDC'S; HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE IAEA WOULD SUPPORT INFCE. A NUMBER OF OTHER DELEGATES MENTIONED INFCE: AUSTRIA, ROMANIA, BELGIUM AND JAPAN.

12. UK REPRESENTATIVE TOLD MISOFF THAT UK INTENDED TO VOTE AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE IAEA DRAFT RESOLUTION IF IT WAS VOTED ON SEPARATELY AND WOULD ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE IF PROPOSED AMENDMENT WAS INCLUDED. HE REPORTED THAT SOVIETS WOULD DO LIKEWISE. MISOFF NOTED THAT WEST GERMANS STATED THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN SAME MANNER. DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED ON THIS POINT. YOUNG UNQUOTE VANCE

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